



Bleasdale School

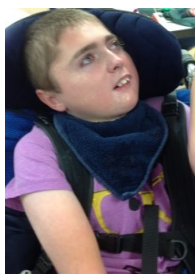
Summer Newsletter 2015

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School re-opens for pupils on
Monday 7th September 2015

Half Term
Monday 26th October –Friday 30th October 2015
Pupils return Tuesday 3rd November 2015

School closes for pupils
Friday 18th December 2015



Goodbye to Peter Saunders. He has been at Bleasdale School for many years and at 19 leaves us to begin student life at Beaumont College. We wish him every success and happiness for the future.

Class 3 have welcomed a new pupil this term. Joshua has started in Class 3 on a part time basis this term and is settling in to the routine at Bleasdale.

Class 3 have been finding out about plants this term. The pupils have explored the components that the plants need to survive and applied these when growing their own produce. They have spent lots of time observing their plants and applying their knowledge to keep them alive!



Class 4 have had a busy term out and about in the local community. Each Tuesday pupils have taken it in turn to use a timetable to catch the local bus to Carnforth to buy plants and a hat as part of technology and daily living skills. The pupils enjoyed traveling on the bus and did lots of vocalising with the other passengers.

Class 2 have been using their scientific enquiry skills to conduct experiments to find out what are the perfect growing conditions for plants. We have been using the school grounds to see plants in their natural habitats too.



Parents' Fundraising Committee

£582.00 was raised on the Cross Bay Walk on the 10th May 2015

Next Meeting
Wednesday 7th October 2015 at
10.00 am
In the Parents' Room

Class 3 have been finding out how newspapers communicate local news in PSHE.

The pupils have been out in the village collecting the parish newsletter, local newspapers and information from the notice boards and deciding the benefits and drawbacks of each.



In Science Class 4 have been learning about mini-beasts. The pupils have taken part in lots of mini beast hunts in the garden. As part of the topic they went to RSPB, Leighton Moss bird centre to take part in pond dipping. Everyone remained focused when using the fishing nets, looking for insects.

Class 1 have had a very busy term. They have been happy to celebrate the birth of Ellie's new baby, Daisy, and will miss Ellie during her time away on maternity leave. They also welcomed Anita Taylor who started this term as the temporary class teacher. The children and staff have been helping her to learn all of the routines.

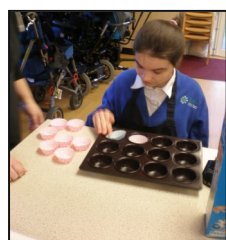


Class 1 have been looking at different houses and homes. They have looked at the art work of Hundertwasser and created their own art work using different materials that you would find in the home. They looked at the different sounds and smells of each part of the house. They also measured out materials for the animal homes in maths.

Welcome

New Staff who started this term:

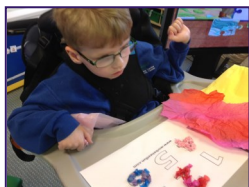
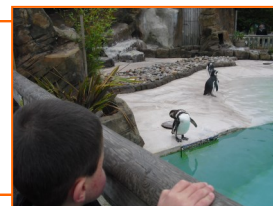
Garry Dawson
Fabian Jackel
Robyn Powley
Sarah Taylor
Kathryn Wardle



FE's Fair Trade Coffee Shop has been a great success. The students have helped to make a range of snacks and drinks using some fair trade ingredients. They have designed menus using the easel and paint programmes on the interactive computer screen. They have served a range of customers including parents, governors and the local WI group. Students have used their communication aids to interact with the customers.



Class 1 have been 'Going to the Zoo' in English. They have explored the different animals and looked at each part of the rhyme. They went to Blackpool Zoo to see the real animals in their homes.



In Maths one of Class 2's topics has been measurement. We have been comparing the mass of different objects with our hands to determine which we think is the heaviest and then checking our estimates with the balance scales. We are also learning our times table through sounds and sensory worksheets.





Class 2 have now started a weekly inclusive art session with Silverdale Primary school. Our topic is colour. We have looked at the work of Mondrian and begun to produce our own art in his style using various mediums including ICT.



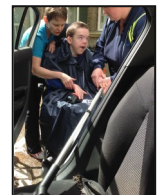
In music a 70's theme has been followed for the first half term with the music of the time being played and the residential pupils dressing up and playing instruments to the 70's tunes.



Class 1 have been learning about all of the different people who help us at home, in school and in the community. They visited the local village to learn about the local area and talked to one of the builders who brought in some of his equipment for them to explore.



FE students have responded well to a car maintenance course. This involved washing cars, pressing a switch to access the Hoover, pumping up the tyres and filling up the screen wash. The students have earned lots of money this year and spent it on a bowling trip.



In Geography, Class 3 have been experiencing natural phenomenon, such as volcanoes and earthquakes. The pupils found out how volcanoes were formed and what caused them to erupt. The pupils used their literacy skills to complete their own fact file on volcanoes and earthquakes. Pupils also applied their scientific enquiry skills to their geographical study and made their own volcanoes erupt.

This term we have said goodbye to two long standing members of staff. Janet Bowers our Friday swimming teacher has retired and Pearl Wilkinson RESW has also left us. We wish them all the best for the future.

On the 10th June, Class 4 went to visit Pear Tree Special School in Kirkham to take part in their science day around the theme of colour. The pupils enjoyed exploring the textured balls that glowed in the dark using the UV light.



This term in Musical theatre the residential pupils have had lots of fun with a Chitty Chitty Bang Bang theme. They are making their own car although have not yet mastered how to make it fly!





After School Club

This term pupils have enjoyed 2 different activities. Dance was our topic for the 1st half term, we used familiar music from the Circus as our theme. Each piece of music related to a different character or part of the circus. Pupils enjoyed using face paints & wigs to dress up as clowns as well as testing their skills to walk across the tight rope.



During the 2nd half term we enjoyed growing a variety of different vegetables. In particular tomato plants. Each week everyone has measured their own plant to see who can grow the tallest and its now a competition to see how many tomatoes will appear. We have also made leaf prints with clay, cress heads and played a flower game using switches & a spinner board.



Karen HLTA



Class 4 have gone into the village to ask people their opinion on local current affairs. Topics have included: Do you agree with wind farms, fox hunting, fracking?

We continue to have a very busy time in the hydrotherapy pool with all our pupils having two swimming sessions each week and a variety of outside users groups accessing the pool. They have all worked very hard and it's been lovely to see them relax in the water and gain new skills. This month we have welcomed the Chernobyl children back to use our pool. They have had great fun playing games in the pool and their confidence in the water has grown year on year with every visit they make to us.

We are so lucky to be able to share some time with these children that have now been coming for four years and next year we will welcome some different children. The pool corridor has now had a makeover and looks great with a new wave scene and coloured LED lights, which our pupils enjoy looking at before entering the pool.



Class 1 have enjoyed working with the children from Silverdale St Johns Primary School. They worked together to create a sensory map by using all of their senses to first explore the area and then recreate it on the map using different textures and smells.



This Term the School has been undergoing some building alterations. We are pleased to tell you that all will be completed over the Summer break. From September the School Office and Reception will be situated on the school side.



In craft the residential pupils have created pictures using different materials including crumpled tissue paper, melted wax crayon and spaghetti.

